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All Saints church, Cottesbrooke[1]

[1] https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1067102?section=official-list-entry

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Introduction

Most, if not all, of the people with the Crisp surname living at Crick, Northamptonshire in the 18th and 19th centuries were descendants of John Crisp & Ann Perkins who were married there on 15 April 1723.[2] The couple were both then of that parish. There is no baptism for John Crisp in the Crick register and the marriage record does not indicate his origins. This article reviews the relevant evidence, concluding that John came from Cottesbrooke and that his great grandfather William Crisp originated at Naseby.

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The descent of John Crisp of Crick from Toby Crisp is set out in Appendix A.

John Crisp and Ann Perkins were my 6x great grandparents.

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[2] An exception may be Stephen, son of Stephen and Elizabeth Crisp, who was baptised at Crick in 1805 but whose father appears to have originated elsewhere; the only couple in the Northamptonshire Marriage Index (1700-1837) with suitable names to be the parents of this child were Stephen Crisp of Thornby & Elizabeth Litchfield of Ravensthorpe who married in her parish on 26 May 1796.
[3] https://web.archive.org/

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The 1558 will at Naseby

The will of Thomas Crisp, a husbandman of Naseby, was made in 1558.[4] Its text is set out in Appendix B. The will refers to a number of relations including his sons Toby and John and his brothers Richard and William. There is no indication that Thomas' children were minors at the time.

The Naseby parish register dates from 1563 but many of its early baptism entries do not identify either parent and it is not possible to reconstruct all the Crisp family relationships there during the 16th century.

Toby Crisp & Joane Quenborough – 2x great grandparents

No record has been found of the baptism or parentage of 'Tobye Cryspe' who married 'Joonne Quenborough' at Naseby on 21 October 1587. His forebears may well have included either Thomas Crisp (will proved in 1558) or one of the testator's two brothers mentioned in the will but there is no positive proof that this was so.

Joane Quenborough was presumably related to 'Richard Quenborough' who was buried at Naseby on 12 July 1590. Assuming that Joane was at least 15 when she married in 1587 and no more than 50 when her youngest child was baptised in 1603/4, she would have been born during 1553-1572. However, no record of her baptism or parentage has been found.

Toby and Joane had these children baptised at Naseby:

	Baptised	Married	Buried
Nathaniel	1588		1653 Naseby
Constance	1590		
Thomas	1592[5]		
William	1594/5	Mary Waple 1628	1682 Cottesbrooke
Richard	1597		
John	1600		
Mary	1603/4		

The parish register did not include the names of any parents when it recorded the baptisms of the five oldest children, but it did name 'Tobie Cryspe' as the father when John and Mary were baptised. Toby's will referred in the following order to his children named Thomas, William, Richard, John, Constance and Marye as well as his son 'Nathaniell Chryspe' whom he appointed as joint executor and joint residual legatee along with his wife Joane. The full text of the will can be seen in Appendix C.[6]

Naseby parish register records the burial on 11 May 1614 of 'Tobye Chrispe'. 'Joane Chrispe widdowe' followed him to the grave there on 18 February 1626/7.

[4] Northampton Archdeaconry Court: 1st series, book Q, number 32.
[5] Because of the order in which children were listed in Toby's will, it seems much more likely that his son was the 'Thomas Cryspe' baptised on 10 December 1592 than 'Thomas Cryspe' (also with no parent recorded) who was baptised at Naseby on 29 September 1598.
[6] Northampton Archdeaconry Court: 2nd series, book T, number 108.

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William Crisp & Mary Waple – great grandparents

Naseby parish register records that 'Wyllm Cryspe was baptized the 18 daye of Februarie 1594' [i.e. 1594/1595].

A map of the village of Naseby, made in 1630, shows the individual houses, each labelled with the name of a person. The map appears to account for all of the Naseby householders at that date.[7] It includes three with the Crisp surname:

- Jo Crispe
- Nat Crisp
- Petr Crisp

A copy of the map can be seen on page 11 of 'Naseby: a parish history', edited by R L Greenall, which is freely available online.[8]

By the time the map was composed, William would have been about 35 years old. As he is not among the Crisps identified on the map, nor is a marriage or burial recorded for him in the Naseby register, it is evident he had moved away.

'William Crispe and Mary Waple' married at Guilsborough, three miles from Naseby, on 27 October 1628. There is little doubt that this couple were the parents of two children who were baptised at Cottesbrooke, also three miles from Guilsborough, and because of the recorded when he was buried that the husband was the same individual as William Crisp who was baptised at Naseby in 1594/5. The children were:

- Marie – 29 January 1631/2
- Laurence – 18 March 1634/5

The hearth tax list for Cottesbrooke in the year ending 25 March 1674 includes William Crisp as having one hearth and being exempt from paying the tax on grounds of poverty.[9]

William Crisp was buried at Cottesbrooke on 3 May 1682 'aged about 86' – a figure that aligns well with the 1594/5 baptism at Naseby. However, there does not appear to be other documentary evidence to link the Naseby and Cottesbrooke families.

John Crisp (buried 1634)

'John Crispe' was described as 'senex' (i.e. elder or an old man) when he was buried at Naseby on 16 December 1634. It is not known how he was related to the other individuals mentioned in this article, but his will and inventory are included as Appendix D as they shed light on the possessions held by a husbandman at Naseby at that time and so provide clues to the lifestyle of other residents there at the time.

[7] Fitzgerald papers [Ipswich Record Office; copy at Northamptonshire Record Office].
[8] https://archive.org/details/nrs0023/page/10/mode/2up
[9] The National Archives: E179/254/14.

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Laurence Crisp & Hannah – grandparents

Cottesbrooke parish register records the baptism on 18 March 1634/5 of 'Laurence Crispe the sonne of William Crispe'.

No record has been found of the Laurence's marriage to his wife Hannah. Assuming that she was at least 16 when her oldest child was baptised in 1664 and no more than 50 when her youngest child was baptised in 1680, she would have been born during 1630-1646. However, no record of her baptism or parentage has been found.

The baptisms of their children are recorded in Cottesbrooke parish register:

	Baptised	Married	Buried
John	1664	Ann Clark 1689	1721 Cottesbrooke
Mary	1667		
Susanna	1668/9		
Laurence	1677	Anne Vause 1699 Jane Stoke (widow) 1723	1761 Cottesbrooke
William	1680		

The hearth tax list for Cottesbrooke in the year ending 25 March 1674 includes 'Lawrence Crispe' as liable to pay tax for the one hearth in his home.[10]

Cottesbrooke parish register records the burial on 7 July 1708 of 'Laurence Crispe senr'.

In 1651, Sir John Langham endowed almshouses at Cottesbrooke, which were originally intended to provide accommodation for two widowers and six widows. The buildings survive and are now known as 'The Old School Cottages'.[11]

Almshouses at Cottesbrooke[12]

[10] The National Archives: E179/254/14.
[11] https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1039111?section=official-list-entry
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By the time of her death, Hannah had evidently been allocated a place there, as the parish register records the burial on 16 July 1719 of 'Hannah Crispe (both these of ye Alms-house)' – the word 'both' also referring back to the previous burial entry.

John Crisp – uncle

'John Crisp the sonne of Laurence Crisp & Hannah his wife' was baptised at Cottesbrooke on 12 October 1664. Because the will of his widow mentions a number of her nephews with the surname Clarke, one of whom was 'John Clarke of Moulton', there is no doubt that John (baptised 1664) was the groom when 'John Crisp & Anne Clark' were married at Moulton, eight miles from Cottesbrooke, on 26 December 1689. The only child of a couple with their names whose baptism has been found in Northamptonshire during 1689-1721 is 'William, son of John & Anne Crisp' who was born on 8 December and baptised at Cottesbrooke on 21 December 1698.

'John Crispe' was buried at Cottesbrooke on 13 August 1721 and Ann Crisp, a widow aged 80, was buried there on 3 October 1741. Her will was made on 8 August 1740 and proved on 24 October 1741. The text of the will is set out in Appendix E.

Laurence Crisp & Anne Vause - parents

'Laurence Crispe the sonne of William Crispe' was baptised at Cotesbrooke on 18 March 1634/5.

The marriage of Laurence Crisp junior (a jersey comber) and Anne Vauce is recorded in the Cottesbrooke parish register as having taken place at St Sepulchre, Northampton on 26 August 1699; a corresponding entry appears in the parish register of St Sepulchre and states that both parties were from Cottesbrooke, the bride's surname being written there as 'Fasse'. A licence had been granted on the previous day for the marriage of 'Laurence Crisp of Cottesbrooke, bachelor & Ann Fasse of Cottesbrooke, spinster', intended to take place at St Sepulchre, the bondsmen being Laurence Crisp & John Yorke of Haselbeech, shepherd.[13]

'Anne, daughter of Thom: Elisabeth Vawce' had been baptised at Crick on 13 June 1676. She was the first of their ten children who were baptised there.

Laurence and Anne initially set up home in the parish of Creaton whose register records John and William, sons of Laurence and Anne Crisp, as born on 29 May 1700; the boys were both buried there during the following month. The baptism of Laurence's next child, a second John, took place at Cottesbrooke. Between then and Anne Crisp's burial in 1722, the couple had a further seven children baptised at Cottesbrooke.

[13] Lawrence's wife may well have been Anne, daughter of Thomas & Elizabeth Vawes, who was baptised at Crick on 13 June 1676. Thomas Vause was not liable to pay tax for his one hearth there. Only five other householders with Vauce or a similar surname appear in the Northamptonshire hearth tax lists for the year ending 25 March 1674; they were at Denton (3), Potterspury (1) and Thorpe Achurch (1) [The National Archives: E179/254/14].

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The full list of the offspring of Laurence and Anne is:

	Baptised	Married	Buried
John	1700	n/a	1700 Creaton
William	1700	n/a	1700 Creaton
John	1701	Ann Perkins 1723	1762 Crick
Hannah	1703		
William	1705	Elizabeth Ward 1730/1	
Anne	1707/8		
Laurence	1709	Mary Lockwood 1725	1756 Pytchley
Elisabeth	1713		
Jonas	1715/6	Mary Howard 1738	1740 Cottesbrooke
Thomas	1718/9		

'Anne the wife of Laurence Crispe' was buried at Cottesbrooke on 7 September 1722.

Laurence married a second time - at Oxendon on 15 April 1723, the wedding being recorded in its register as 'Lawrence Crisp & Jane Stoke both of Cottesbrook, Northamp. By licence'. The allegation for their marriage licence states that Lawrence was a widower and Jane a widow. Laurence and Jane presented these children for baptism at Cottesbrooke:

	Baptised	Married	Buried
Jane	1723/4		
Joseph	1725/6		1752
Samuel	1728	n/a	1728
Samuel	1729/30	n/a	1744/5
Richard	1732		
Mary	1733	n/a	1740
Daniel	1737		

Laurence and Jane stayed at Cottesbrooke for the rest of their lives. The parish register records the burial on 19 January 1747/8 of 'Jane Crisp wife of Laranc in woollen only' and on 24 May 1761 of 'Laurence Crisp aged 85 in woollen only'. The age recorded in 1761 fits fairly closely with the date of the 1677 baptism.

Jane Stokes (formerly Viggers) - stepmother

Jane's first marriage was short-lived. Hinton-in-the-Hedges parish register includes this entry:

> '1718 William Stokes and Jane Viggers both of Farthingho Wad-Ground were married August ye 18 by Licence'.

'Anne daughter of Wm Stokes of ye woad' was christened at Cottesbrooke on 2 August 1719 and buried there on 10 February 1719/20. Eighteen days later, her father's burial at Cottesbrooke was recorded in the same register as 'William Stoakes of ye woad'.

Evidently, William Stokes was a woad grower. Jane's origins prior to their marriage are not known but it is feasible that her family may also have been woad people. Woad is a crop that within two or three years exhausts the fertility of the soil, so those who

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cultivated it tended to move from place to place. The article 'Woad-Growing in Northamptonshire' by Vivien Billington provides much information and understanding of this subject and some of the individuals involved.[14]

John Crisp & Ann Perkins

Cottesbrooke parish register records the baptism on 10 August 1701 of 'John the son of Laurence Crispe labourer & [BLANK] his wife'.

Crick parish register records that on 15 April 1723 of 'John Crisp and Ann Perkins both of this parish were married. Banns being first duly published'. 'Ann daughter of Samuel Perkins labourer and Mary his wife' had been baptised there on 14 December 1701, the third of their four children.

For the following reasons, it is probable that the John Crisp baptised at Cottesbrooke in 1701 moved the nine miles to Crick in time for his marriage in 1723:

- There is no marriage or burial record at Cottesbrooke suitable to be for John Crisp (christened 1701).
- Apart from the 1723 marriage at Crick, the only John Crisp listed in the Northamptonshire Marriage Index (by Alan Clarke & Marilyn Ponting) between 1700 and 1750 is John Crisp of Creaton who married Elizabeth Tomalin of Cold Ashby at West Haddon on 18 February 1734/5 (for the groom to be 34 would be somewhat old if his first marriage).
- Northamptonshire Baptism Index (by Alan Clarke & Karen Lyman-Clarke) includes no record of John Crisp during 1700-1719 apart from Lawrence's offspring. Nor does that index for the period 1650-1699 have any John Crisp later than 1677.
- Ancestry's index to its scans of some Warwickshire parish registers does not include the christening of any John Crisp between 1667 and 1755.
- FindMyPast's index to its scans of some Leicestershire parish registers does not include the christening of any John Crisp between 1686 and 1715.
- It may be significant that a granddaughter of John Crisp & Ann Perkins was christened at Crick in 1777 with the name Lawrence.

John and Ann Crisp were the parents of these children who were baptised at Crick:

	Baptised	Married	Buried
Thomas	1723/4	Eleanor Murden 1746	1784 Crick
Ann	1725		
John	1727/8	Elizabeth Ginns 1758	1798 Desborough
Sarah	1729/30	Thomas Butlin 1760	1786 Finedon
William	1733	Susan Turner 1753	
Mary	1734	Thomas Wright 1755	1819 Watford, Northants
Elizabeth	1736	n/a	1753 Crick
Hannah	1739	William Dawkins 1760	1798 Desborough
Samuel	1742	Mary Baker 1761	1800 Crick

[14] https://www.northamptonshirerecordsociety.org.uk/pdf/npp/number/npp-n53.pdf (page 59).

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'John Crisp' was buried at Crick on 9 June 1762. The text of his will, which was made seven days earlier, is set out in Appendix F. It appears that Ann survived him by less than seven months, as 'Ann Crisp' was buried there on 24 December 1762.

The villages

The following map is an extract from proof maps created by John Speed for an atlas which was published in 1611/12.[15] It shows the relative locations of the villages whose named were spelt there as Nasybye, Codesbrok and Creke. All three are within ten miles of each other in the uplands of Northamptonshire, to the north of Northampton itself and south of the border with Leicestershire.

Conclusion

Three factors that commonly affect research in the period may weaken the cases for Crisp migration from Naseby to Cottesbrooke and from Cottesbrooke to Crick:

- Incomplete and inaccurate parish records, in some places for long periods of time.
- Indexing errors and omissions.
- Records of the marriage of John Crisp at Crick in 1723 do not include his age or marital status, so he might have been christened outside Northamptonshire and/or during a considerable time span - not necessarily close to the date of his wife's baptism in 1701.

However, all relevant sources flagged up in indexes have been checked in their original documents and the available evidence points very strongly to the conclusion that William Crisp (1594/5-1682) moved from Naseby to Cottesbrooke and also that William's great grandson John Crisp (1701-1762) migrated from Cottesbrooke to Crick.

[15] https://cudl.lib.cam.ac.uk/view/PR-ATLAS-00002-00061-00001/46

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Appendix A: Descent of John Crisp from Toby Crisp

Toby CRISP married 1587 Naseby buried 1614 Naseby	**Joane QUENBOROUGH** born 1553-1572 buried 1626/7 Naseby
William CRISP baptised 1594/5 Naseby married 1628 Guilsborough buried 1682 Cottesbrooke	**Mary WAPLE**
Laurence CRISP baptised 1634/5 Cottesbrooke married buried 1708 Cottesbrooke	**Hannah** born 1630-1646 buried 1719 Cottesbrooke
Laurence CRISP baptised 1677 Cottesbrooke married 1699 St Sepulchre Northampton buried 1761 Cottesbrooke	**Anne VAUSE** baptised 1676 Crick buried 1722 Cottesbrooke
John CRISP baptised 1701 Cottesbrooke married 1723 Crick buried 1762 Crick	**Ann PERKINS** baptised 1701 Crick buried 1762 Crick

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Appendix B: Will of Thomas Crispe, probate 1558/9

Background

Thomas Crisp died between making his will on 18 August 1558 and the grant of probate on 13 March 1558/9. There is no record of his burial.

Text of the Office Copy of the Will

In dei nomine amen in the year of our Lord god 1558 and the 18 daie of August I Thomas Crispe of Navesbe husbandman being in good perfect remembrance thankes be to god do make my last will and testament in manner and forme Folowinge
Firste I bequeath my sowle to almightie god & to our blessed ladie sainte Marye and to all the blessed company of heaven and my bodie to be buried in the churchyard of navesbe aforesaid
Firste I gyve to ye mother church of peterborowe 2 pence
Also to my sone Tobye £4 & 10 shepe of ewes and lambes and a cowe
Also to Agnes my daughter £4 & 6 shepe & a cowe
Also to Catherin my daughter £4 6 shepe and a cowe
Also to John my sonne £4 6 shepe & a cowe
Also to Myles Trayslove 10 shepe and a cowe and 10 shillings of money
Also to George Crispe 2 ewe lambes
Also to Elizabeth Crispe two lambes
Also to John Crispe 2 lambes
Also to Catheryn Cryspe 2 lambes
Also to John Traislove 2 shere hoggrils
Also to William my brother my best Russet coate
Also to Ric. Crispe my best Dublytt
Also I make Catherin Crispe my wife my full executrix and she to have all my goodes not bequeathed & if she chaunce to die that then it to remain to her children every one a little porcon
And also if my children chaunce to die yt every one of the[m] to be others heire
Theise be the dettes yt I Thomas Crispe owe to Mr John Shugborowe the elder 40 shillings also to Mr George Shugborow 5 shillings 6 pence
In witness hereof Cyrstopher Rope of Navesbe and Thomas Thomson of Navesbe
Also I make Ric. Crispe and William Crispe my brethren supervisors of this my last will and testament

Probate by Northampton Archdeaconry Court

13 March 1558 [1558/1559]

Reference

Northampton Archdeaconry Court: 1st series, book Q, number 32.

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Appendix C: Will of Toby Crispe, probate 1614

Background

Naseby parish register records the burial on 11 May 1614 of 'Tobye Chrispe'.

Text of the Original Will

May 8 1614. Navesbye in the Countye of Northton.
In the name of god Amen. I Tobye Chrispe give & commit my soule into the hands of god, my bodie to the earth my goodes as followeth
I give to my sone Thomas Chrispe £3 to be payed at his mothers discrecon
Item to my sone William 40 shillings & an ewe and a Lambe and a coffer in the hall
Item to my sone Richard 40 shillings.
Item to my sone John 40 shillings
Item to my daughter Constance 20 shillings and a brasse panne
Item to my daughter Marye 20 shillings
All these things to be payed at their mothers discrecon
All other my goodes as well moveable as unmoveable, my teame, my Cartes my [least?] with the howse-hould stuffe and the rest I give and bequeath unto my wife Joane Chrispe and to my sone Nathaniell Chrispe whom I make full executors of this my last will & testament
I make overseers of this my last will my brethren John Chrispe and Thomas Adderson to whom I give 12 pence a piece.
We beinge witnesses hereunto
[signed] Edward Wright
[signed] Thomas Addarston
Peter Chrispe his marke
John Chrispe his mark
Debtes owinge To John Allin 23 shillings 6 pence.
[it appears that a scribble next to the name 'Peter Chrispe' is the testator's own mark]

Probate by Northampton Archdeaconry Court

On 1 December 1614.
Total value of the inventory was recorded as £52.16s.4d. [The inventory itself does not appear to survive]

Reference

Northampton Archdeaconry Court: 2nd series, book T, number 108.

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Appendix D: Will of John Crispe, probate 1634/5 and Inventory

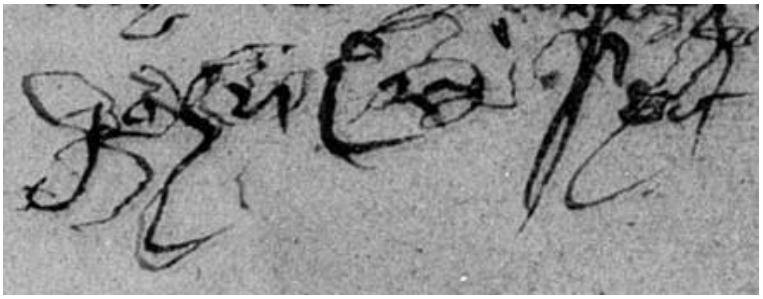
Background

Naseby parish register records the burial on 16 December 1634 of 'John Crispe senex'. ['Senex' meaning an elder or old man]

Text of the Original Will

In the name of God amen this eight and twentithe daye of November on thousand six hundred thirtie foure I John Crispe of Navesebye in the countie of Northamton husbandman beinge sicke in bodie but whole in Remebrance praysed be god doe make my last will and testament in maner and forme folowing
First I Bequeave my soule into the hands of Almightie God my maker my Redeemer and Saviour and my bodie to be buried in the churchyard of Navesebye aforesaid
Item I doe geve to John Wapolle my Grandchilde halfe a cottage house and close with all apurtinances belonging unto the one halfe of the sayd cottage whatsoever lying and being within the Towne of Clipston in the Cou. of northamton aforesayd now or late in the tenure and occupation of Roger Bosworthe of Clipston aforesaid
Item I doe geve to the sayd John Waple a greate Coffer that was his Grandmothers and one ewe shepe to be marked for him within one month after my decease and to be kept upon the living
All the rest of the house and goods unbequeathed I doe geve to William Waple my Sonne in law and Elizabeth his wife whome I make my executor Whom I put in trust to se my bodye to be buried and all my legates payd
In witness hereof I have set to my hand the day and yeare first above written.
[signed] John Crispe
Witness to this will
[signed] Leonard Eylere
[signed] Edward Fisher

The testator evidently had difficulty in writing his signature:



Probate by Northampton Archdeaconry Court:
9 February 1634 [1634/5]

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Office copy of Will

This has been compared with the Original Will. Apart from spelling variations, the only difference between them is that the word 'Grandmothers' in the original document was incorrectly transcribed as 'grand=fathers' in the office copy.

References: Northampton Archdeaconry Court:

- Original Will: 2nd series, book F, number 147.
- Original Inventory: 2nd series, book F, number 148.
- Office copy: 1st series, book EV, number 63.

Text of the Original Inventory

A True Inventory of the goods of John Crispe of Navesbye

	pounds	shillings	pence
Inprimis Two bease and halfe a 2 yeare old	4		
Item Twentie and Two sheepe	5		
Item halfe a carte and other Implements for plow and carte and geares and such like	1	4	
Item Rie barley pease and other grayne and stuffe	4	15	
Item old wood and boords in the house and yearde		4	6
Item halfe an old cubbord and halfe an old table		5	
Item an old kettle a little pot and a [C?]anin dishe		11	
Item 3 pewter dishes 1 candle stick 1 salt seler		3	4
Item 1 tub 1 barill and other treene ware		5	4
Item 1 old bed and beding thereunto belonging		20	
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Appendix E: Will of Ann Crisp, probate 1741

Background

Cottesbrooke parish register records: '1741 ..... Ann Crisp widow was buried October the 3d in Woolen only Aged 80 years'.

Text of the Original Will

In the Name of God Amen
I Ann Crisp of Cottesbrook in the County of Northton widow being sick, but of sound and perfect Mind and Memory, Praise be therefore given to Almighty God, do make and ordain this my present Last Will and Testament, in manner and form following (that is to say)
First and principally, I commend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God, hoping through the Merits, Death and Passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ, to have full and free Pardon and Forgiveness of all my Sins and to inherit everlasting Life:
And my my [sic] Body I commit to the Earth, to be decently buried at the Discretion of my Executor hereafter named
And as touching the disposition of all such Temporal Estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me, I give and dispose thereof as followeth
First, I will, That my Debts and Funeral Charges shall be paid and discharged
Item I give unto my Nephew George Clarke of Abbington in the County of Northton the summe of Five Pounds
Item I give unto my nephew John Clarke of Moulton in the County of Northton the summe of Five Pounds
Item I give unto my Nephew John Clarke of Brixworth in the County of Northton the summe of Twenty Pounds
Item I give unto Eleanor Clarke and Alice Clarke the daughters of my Nephew John Clarke of Moulton in the County of Northton aforesaid and to Elizabeth Clarke the Daughter of my Nephew John Clarke of Brixworth in the County of Northton aforesaid all my wearing Apparrel to be equally divided betwixt the said Eleanor, Alice and Elizabeth
All the rest and residue of my Personal Estate, Goods and Chattels whatsoever, I do give and bequeath unto my loving Nephew Thomas Clarke of Cottesbrook in the County of Northton, he being full and sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament.
In Witness whereof I the said Ann Crisp have hereunto sett my Hand and seal the Eighth day of August in the Year of our Lord 1740. The mark of Ann Crisp
Signed Sealed published and declared by the above named Ann Crisp as her last Will and Testament in the presence of us whose Names are hereunder subscribed
[signed] William Eaton [signed] Rebecah E[?]ll [signed] Step:Judkin

Probate from Northampton Archdeaconry Court

24 October 1741 Thomas Clarke Executor herein named was sworn before John Clarke Surrogate

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Appendix F: Will of John Crisp, probate 1762

Background

Crick parish register records the burial on 9 June 1762 of 'John Crisp'.

Text of the Original Will

In the Name of God Amen I John Crisp the Elder of Crick in the County of Northampton Weaver being weak in Body but of sound and perfect Mind and Memory Blessed be Almighty God for the same Do make publish and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in Manner and Form following (that is to say)

First I give and devise All that my Messuage Cottage or Tenement Situate standing and being in Crick aforesaid wherein I now inhabit and dwell unto my loveing Wife Ann Crisp for and During the Term of her natural Life And from and immediately after her Decease I give and devise my said Messuage Cottage or Tenement with the free Liberty of the Yard thereunto belonging unto my son John Crisp his Heirs and Assigns for ever Chargeable nevertheless and I do hereby Charge and make the said Messuage Cottage or Tenement Chargeable with the payment of the Sum of Seventeen pounds thirteen shillings (that is to say)

Seven pounds of lawfull money part thereof I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Crisp, and five pounds more thereof I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Butling Wife of Thomas Butling of Finedon in the said County of Northampton And also three pounds three shillings more thereof I Give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Wright Wife of Thomas Wright of Watford in the said County of Northampton which said several legacies or Sums of Money I hereby Will and order shall be paid to the said respective Legatees within twelve Calendar Months after the Decease of my loving Wife by my said Son John Crisp his Heirs Executors and Administrators.

Also I give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Hannah Crisp, daughter of my Son William Crisp deceased the Sum of two pounds ten shillings, (being the residue of the said Sum of the said Sum of Seventeen pounds thirteen shillings) to be paid her when she shall attain to her full Age of one and twenty Years by my said son John Crisp his Heirs Executors or Administrators.

Also I give and bequeath to my two Daughters Anne and Hannah the Sum of five shillings a piece.

Also I further give and Devise unto my said son John Crisp (after the Decease of my said Wife) the stable belonging to the said Messuage Cottage or Tenement to hold to him the said John Crisp his heirs and assigns for ever.

Also All that my Barn Situate and standing contiguous to my said Messuage Cottage or Tenement I give and Devise unto my said son Thomas Crisp for and during the Term of his natural Life and from and immediately after his Decease I give and Devise the same (to hold in coheirship) unto the three Eldest Daughters of the said Thomas Crisp and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever.

Also All that my Shop and Cowhouse Situate and standing Contiguous to my said Messuage Cottage or Tenement with the Appurtenances I give and Devise unto my son Samuel Crisp for and during the Term of his natural Life and from and after his Decease I give and Devise the same unto his son William Crisp his Heirs and Assigns.

Also All my Yard and Gatehouse belonging to my said Messuage Cottage or Tenement with the appurtenances Together also with the Use of the Brewing Copper and Pump, Water Ways And passages into and out of the said Yard thro' the said Gatehouse I give devise and bequeath to the joint or alternate Uses of my said Sons

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John, Thomas and Samuel Crisp their heirs and Assigns. And my Will and Meaning is, that they the said John, Thomas and Samuel Crisp their heirs and Assigns shall pay or cause to be paid, share and share alike, All such Costs and Charges as shall acrew in keeping those last mentioned premises by me given and Devised in sufficient Repair.
And also as to the Rest and Residue of all and singular my personal Estate Goods and Chattels of what Nature or kind soever (not by me hereinbefore disposed of) I give and bequeath the same unto my said loving Wife Ann Crisp and her Assigns She paying thereout all my just debts and funeral Expenses and Charges of proving this my Will:
And Lastly I hereby Constitute and appoint my said loving Wife Ann Crisp Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former and other Will and Wills by me heretofore made.
In Witness whereof I the said Testator John Crisp the Elder have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal the second day of June in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Sixty two.
[signed] John Crisp

Signed sealed published and declared by me the abovenamed testator John Crisp The Elder as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as Witnesses hereto and also the Words (I give and devise) interlined in the 24th Line was allowd by the said Testator at and before the signing and sealing hereof in the presence of us
[signed] John Lucas
[signed] Samuel Perkins
[signed] John Price

Probate from Northampton Archdeaconry Court
On the 15th July 1762 Ann Crisp the sole Executrix named in the within Will was then at the petition of Smith her Proctor Sworn faithfully to Perform the same according to Law and that the Deceased at the time of his death was not Posesed of a personal Estate to the amount of Forty Pounds and so forth.
Before me E Watkin AM Surrogate